Medical College had in February, 2003 conducted a workshop for the benefit of police personnel in which measures to be taken during investigation of cases were highlighted so to achieve a better communication and coordination between police and doctors in the interest of better investigation of crimes.

Jail Manual

4859. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a comprehensive review of Jail Manual of all the States in order to ensure uniformity in administration of prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to propose a draft model of Jail Manual and to circulate the same to all the States/Union Territories for their guidance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) 'Prisons' being a State subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to undertake amendments/review of their respective Jail Manuals. However, Central Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development to prepare a Model Prison Manual. It has since been prepared and circulated to all the States and Union Territories for their views.

Harassment of undertrials by hardened inmates

4860. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new undertrials are held to ransom by the old and hardened inmates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these new undertrials are harassed and beaten, if they protest; and

(c) if so, on what alternative plans Government are working?